

WOODNEWTON NEWS

MAY 2021



Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – April 2021

The Parish Council met on 12th April. The Council met again this month via internet conferencing which enables business to carry under the current restrictions.

Public Time

No Residents joined Public Time this month.

Playing Field

The monthly inspection which forms part of the Council's routine risk management process had noted some loose posts on the fence surrounding the child's play area which need attention. It was agreed that a repair would be made as soon as reasonably practical. Increased badger and rabbit activity was also recorded which is resulting in several holes across the field. Holes will need filling in where appropriate to ensure the surface remains safe for activities.

Planning

- (a) NE/21/00397/TCA/- Tree works 27 Main Street – no objection.
- (b) 20/01717/FUL – Permission granted – Oak Barn, Woodnewton Road
- (c) NE/21/00244/FUL – works to 31 Main Street, roof\rear extension – no objection.
- (d) NE/21/00245/LBC – works to 31 Main Street, roof\rear extension – no objection

Accounts & External Audit

Council agreed the year end income and expenditure as being a fit and proper record and agreed the income and expenditure actuals versus budget for 2020/2021. The Bank Account Reconciliation for the year was also agreed. All have been fully checked by Cllr Guttridge who oversees the financials, and all were signed by the Chairman.

Council noted that due to the Covid grant received of £10,000, income for the year breached the £25,000 limit, which triggers an external audit requirement.

Council also agreed the Annual Governance Statement, the Annual Accounting Statement, and the Analysis of Variances for 2020/2021 presented by the Clerk/RFO. All the Statements were signed by the Chairman. Council also agreed the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights to inspect the Council's Accounts, as recommended by the auditor. This will be from Monday 14th June 2021 to Friday 23rd July.

Allotments

It was agreed the work on providing an additional water tap on the western side of the allotments would resume having previously been put on hold due to the difficulties in arranging groups of volunteers that are able to work while following the social distancing requirements. A call for helpers from the allotment community will be made nearer the time.

Village Clean-Up Day

This was well attended by nearly thirty volunteers and many new faces. The weather cleared for us and we got clearing. Thank you to everyone who came and helped. There was lots of pruning and tidying of the village hall car park and surrounding areas, ivy removal on the walls and tidying of the church yard. Others helped with litter picking, all in an effort to keep our village looking attractive and cared for. Please keep an eye open for our next Clean-Up day in the autumn when we hope to return to providing refreshments in the Village Hall as in the past.

Vote of Thanks

A Vote of Thanks was made to Cllrs Roger Flack and Russ Jenner who are standing down from the Parish Council at the upcoming election. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council and the village as a whole, thanked both for their contribution to village life over many years including their time serving as Parish Councillors.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 10th May at 8.00pm**

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton - May 2021

2nd May – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

9th May – No service at Woodnewton

16th May – 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)

23rd May – 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

30th May – 3.00 p.m. Afternoon Service to include Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Every Sunday 5.00 p.m. A Service at Home by ZOOM. Log-in details from Rev. Jane

Services in our other churches in our Benefice are listed in the church porch, or add your name to the weekly email list from Rev. Jane: jdtailby@aol.com

Easter may be a distant memory now, but St. Mary's celebrated Easter Sunday in fine fashion. The church was a riot of colour after the quiet time of Lent, thanks to our wonderful flower arrangers who pulled out all the stops in decorating the church so beautifully. Thank you to all those who gave their time and skill to lift our hearts to God and celebrate the good news of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Decorating the church, unless you are one of our splendid flower arrangers, is one of those things that happens behind the scenes, and the rest of us just turn up and appreciate all the unseen work that has gone into the displays. There are other tasks that are often un-noticed, but so much appreciated; cleaning, renewing the candles, washing the church linen, preparing for services, and even ringing the church bell at significant moments in our village and national life; all make such a difference to our worship and our life together. There is also the necessary administration that goes on, carried out by our faithful and hard-working PCC. So many people dedicate their time to the service of God in his church, and he blesses us through their efforts.

Although we should always notice and give thanks for all this work that in so many different forms that enables our church to function as a place of worship, peace and mission in God's world, May brings a particular opportunity to say thank you for all that has been done, and to look to the future, as we gather for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Covid put paid to our meeting last year while we were in the first lock-down, but this year we will be able to hold the meeting as part of a service so that we can praise God for his goodness and commit our futures to him. The provisional date (covid regs permitting!) is Sunday, 30th May, at 3.00 p.m. The notice of the meeting and elections will be posted on the church door as usual. This will be a service of thanksgiving that will include the presentation of our reports and the election of our church officers and PCC (Church Council) The PCC is the only decision-making and operational body of the church, and we are served by a very faithful, but rather small group. We are always delighted to welcome new members to help out – many hands make light work! This year, as well as new members of the PCC we have vacancies for church wardens and a treasurer. If anyone feels they could support the life of the church in this way, do contact Rev. Jane, particularly if you'd like to know what is involved. Also, do join our electoral roll if you haven't already. Forms are available in church.

Thank you so much to all those who make our church what it is – those whose work we notice, and those who do so much behind the scenes, and those who worship with us and make St. Mary's a place where we can support each other and know God's love and support for us.

With every blessing

Rev. Jane

Communicare News

Despite all the 'lockdown' restrictions our PPG officials have managed to continue with their own quarterly meetings and also joint meetings with practice staff, using the online 'Zoom' facility. This has been a good way of keeping abreast of local and national healthcare issues; a platform for discussion and maintaining contact with the surgery. Unfortunately the activities of the social side of the group have been severely curtailed with no monthly coffee mornings and the possibility of spring and summer days out or holidays looking fairly remote at the present time. However as soon as restrictions allow and patients might be confident enough to venture out for a social get-together, we will be organising a suitable event – a chance to catch up with old friends after such a long and bleak past year.

An officials meeting with the practice was held at the end of March which was attended by Dr Rhiannon Nally and Mrs Kirstie Lawes, the Practice Manager. Following the recent retirement of Dr Amrit Takhar, it was good to hear that he was enjoying his new way of life but also still taking an active part in the research projects undertaken at the surgery. As the PPG had not been able to mark his retirement in any personal way, the Chairman will send a message relaying our good wishes.

The Treasurer gave her updated statement of account which showed no expenditure and little income, although a donation which had been held 'ring fenced' has now been released by agreement with the donor to be used in some significant way as and when the opportunity arises. The officials did however agree to provide funds for the purchase of a set of baby weighing scales which are required by the nurses and staff at regular childcare clinics.

It was confirmed that the vaccination programme was progressing well with all the relevant age groups being invited for first and second injections. The current use of the Stanground site will gradually be wound down following which the 18-50 age group will be invited to attend mass vaccination sites in and around the Peterborough area – this will be by letter with appointments available online.

PPG officials continually have discussions with the practice about current and potential future healthcare provision, locally and nationally – both sides appreciate the importance of this liaison. The PPG can offer a special viewpoint and where appropriate assistance in relaying details of any changes being implemented – all agree that this two-way exchange of information benefits all concerned.

Our next meeting is scheduled for end June when it is hoped we can dispense with online services and resume 'face-to-face' contact once again – a decision will be made nearer the time depending on the Covid situation as to whether we can safely invite patients to attend such a gathering.

Best wishes to all patients – keep abiding by the rules and hopefully we shall soon be enjoying our lives in a more 'normal' way.

Wendy Spencer



Based upon the government roadmap on easing of Covid restrictions, the Village Hall Committee expects the Hall to re-open for use from 21st June 2021. Provisional bookings may be made with Marilyn Jenner on 01780 470758 or villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com, but are subject to change if the regulations change.



Re-opening Soon

<https://www.facebook.com/WoodnewtonVillageHall/>

WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

The members of the History Group have been keeping themselves busy during lockdown - we have continued the monthly meetings by Zoom and have discussed many subjects, which will be in print in the near future. We have also continued to research and have added several new pages to the website:

- Privates H & W Mould who served in World War I
- 1777 Militia
- Continuation of translating Baptisms from the Parish Register
- St Mary's Church Organ
- Host of Angels Exhibition at the Church
- Go-Cart Rally

If you read the May issue of 'Oundle Life', you will see that they have covered the Woodnewton History website in this booklet.

We are always looking for people to join our friendly group, so if you are interested in researching and writing up the village's history for future generations, please contact us on our website www.woodnewtonhistory.co.uk



ZUMBA GOLD WITH LINDA STARTS AT WOODNEWTON VILLAGE HALL WED 23 JUNE @ 3PM

Zumba Gold is a lower-intensity version of the typical Zumba class, designed to meet the anatomical, physiological and psychological needs of seniors and those with reduced/limited mobility and is a suitable option for reaching exercise goals.

All movements are gentle in nature i.e. no fast movements/jumping etc. and can be modified as appropriate. Zumba Gold is an excellent form of cardio, it strengthens muscles and improves flexibility, balance and coordination. Zumba Gold can also be seated for those unable to stand for long periods of time.

Classes last 45 mins and cost just £4.

Why not come along and join in the fun!

My facebook group is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/397585020741504>

My email address: is linda_mortimer@hotmail.com

My mobile number is: 07905 559677

The Annual Woodnewton Tallest Sunflower Competition



With WORLD PARKINSONS DAY on the 11th April I organised a Tallest Sunflower Competition to raise money for research into Parkinson's disease.

Parkinson's Disease [PD] is a progressive degenerative brain condition, causes unknown, and as yet with no cure. Since identified, there has been much research and progress, especially in containing symptoms, with an array of medication, diet, singing, shouting and vigorous aerobic exercise. For example, table tennis and other similar activities are especially

good for combating symptoms. We believe a breakthrough is close and our determination is very strong! More information at parkinsons.org.uk

Starting with WORLD PARKINSONS DAY members of Parkinson's groups have been raising funds to support research and extend understanding of the disease. By popular demand, The TALLEST SUNFLOWER competition has grown from an Allotment challenge to include the whole village; it should create quite a show! The competition closes on 2nd October. It should be a fun challenge testing your gardening skills as well as raising funds for PD research.

It's not too late to join the competition, sunflower seeds can still be sown into May. Please sign up for the TALLEST SUNFLOWER competition by email, phone or in person to me or Jennie.

For a donation of £5 [or more!], we will supply 2 Titan Sunflower seeds. This variety is capable of growing 10 feet tall, can you go higher? The winner will be crowned on 2nd October and the title held for 12 months. There may even be a trophy!!

Alternatively try writing a Tall story, up to 100 words, about a tall sunflower. This can go along with growing a flower or instead of.

Of course, you are very welcome to make a larger donation to help with the research. Please, if eligible, indicate that you are a tax payer.

If you want to join the fun [?] just reply and we'll arrange to hand over the seeds in exchange for your donation. The money will be paid into the Peterborough Parkinson's 'Just Giving' fund raising account.

Of course, we welcome donations from people who do not want to join the Sunflower growing competition.

Up to 13th April, with village donations and some from further afield we had raised about £500 with more in the pipeline. Please consider joining the fun [!]

Thank you

Phil and Jennie Wood,

7 Wades Close. Tel 470462

e-mail philhwood@hotmail.com



Finding Gold in the Garden!

Our resident panto photographer David Townshend has had international success with his photographs. David won first prize in the Portfolio section of the International Garden Photographer of the Year competition. He was also awarded a Royal Photographic Society Gold Medal.

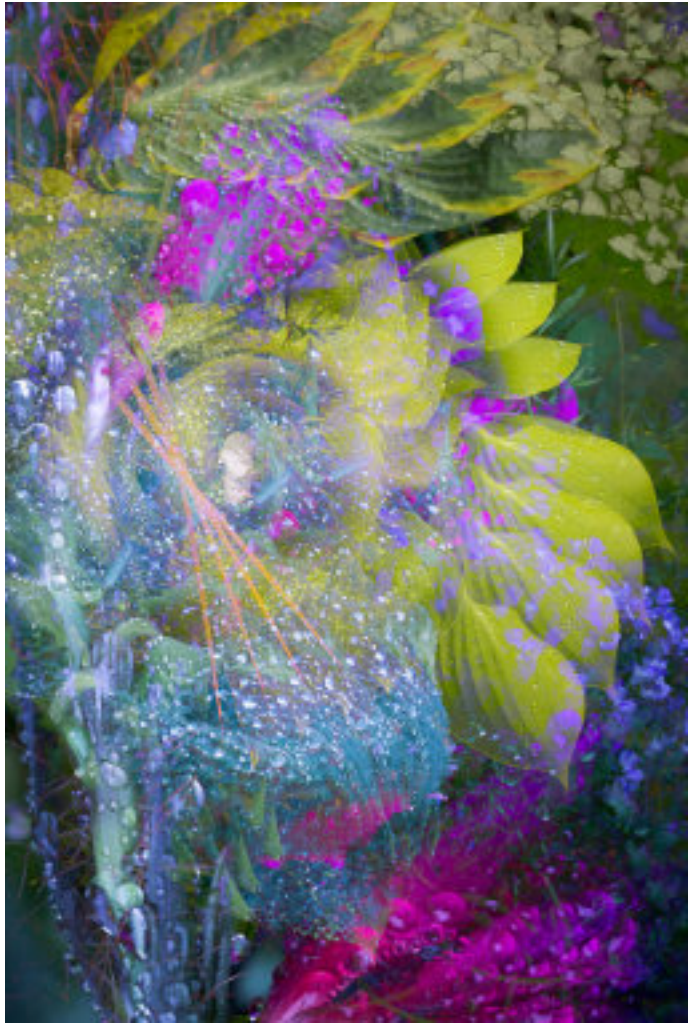
Given that there were other winning entries from across the world – including Argentina and Mozambique, Nepal and New Zealand – David is feeling rather pleased. “You don’t need to travel to distant countries to create successful images. My Hosta Patterns were created on my patio in Pridmore Close, in the rain! Early on a grey, wet June morning I was out with my camera, leaning against the house for shelter from the rain. It was the raindrops collecting on the hosta leaves, captured with multiple exposures, that created the prize-winning magic.”

You may have seen David’s Hosta Patterns at his Yarrow Gallery exhibition in January 2020 (when there were exhibitions and we were allowed out).

You can see David’s images and all the winning entries on the IGPTY website <https://igpoty.com/winners-galleries/portfolio-14-hosta-patterns-david-townshend/> and much more of David’s work on his website: David Townshend Images:

<https://davidtownshend.com>.

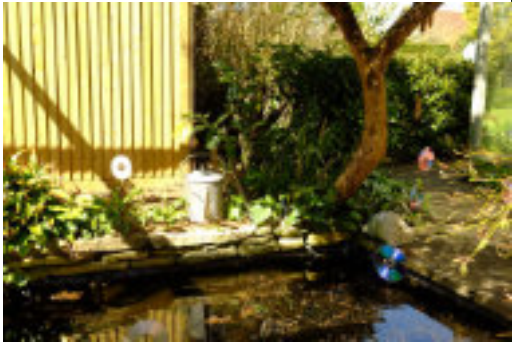
David also provided our very striking cover image for this issue.



Not Gardeners' World

Thanks to Jill Gilbert, Paul Blackmore and Colin Crawford for submitting some photos of treasured bits of their gardens. We would love to receive further images of any interesting, quirky or attractive bits of you gardens for publication in future issues. If there is an interesting story behind them then please send that too. Email them to newswoodnewton@gmail.com.

Jill says her armillary sundial is more accurate than the church clock. Colin's pond fish are protected from Heron's by dangling DVDs. The Statue of Liberty that lives outside our own shed once used to welcome visitors to a South London nightclub and was not stolen as part of a drunken prank..





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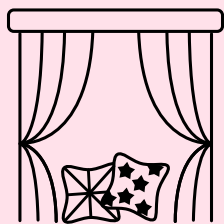
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